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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

6 MAY 1968

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: MUSGROVE, Joe Bailey

1. The following paragraphs summarize information relayed telephonically to the Bureau, and are forwarded to you for confirmation and for your files.

2. On 28 April 1968, our representative in Addis Ababa reported that Doctor Klaus Steer, a West German citizen and Director of the African Scientific Department, E. Merck Aktiengesellschaft, Karmstady, Germany, visited the American Embassy, at the request of the local German Ambassador, and reported that he had seen a man in Lagos, Nigeria on 23 April 1968 who strongly resembled newspaper photographs of Eric Stavro Galt, who is currently wanted in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. Steer said that he saw the Subject at the desk of the Bristol Hotel on the afternoon of 23 April when both were checking out of the hotel. Dr. Steer was accidentally given the hotel accounting receipt for the Subject, on which he noted "Name: Joe Musgaque, Room No: 403, Receipt No: D 52138, Account No: 08325." In a short conversation with Subject, Dr. Steer learned that Subject was employed by the "Wilder Oil Company" and was enroute to Warri, Nigeria on an 18 month contract. Subject told Dr. Steer that he had recently arrived in Lagos from Las Palmas via Accra on Nigerian Airlines.

3. The above information was relayed to the Bureau upon receipt by our duty officer on 29 April 1968. We were advised that the Bureau records did

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not contain information on Subject or the Wilder Oil Company. We then requested our representative in Lagos to investigate this matter through unilateral means and through liaison.

4. On 29 April, liaison in Lagos checked the Bristol Hotel and determined that a Joe Musgrove, an American employee of McDermott Overseas Incorporated, arrived in Lagos on 23 April from Las Palmas and stayed in Lagos until 26 April, when he was to leave for the Midwestern State (Warri). Our representative received this information on 30 April 1968, and then visited Mr. Ray Landry, a U. S. citizen, Acting Chief of the McDermott Company, and obtained the following information from a personnel file: Joe Bailey MUSGROVE departed the U. S. on 9 October 1967 for employment with McDermott Nigeria. He has been resident in Nigeria since that date, except for the period 10-23 April, when he went to Las Palmas on leave. Date of Birth: 24 April 1933. Occupation: Welder. Home Address: P.O. Box 1002, Farmington, New Mexico. Married, wife in U. S. Father: Banks Musgrove, 1017 East Garden (city and state not recorded).

5. Our representative also obtained a passport photograph of the Subject from the McDermott Company and is forwarding the photo to our Headquarters. Later on 30 April, liaison informed our Lagos representative that the Subject holds a U. S. Passport Number H-1052048, issued in the U. S. and valid until 4 October 1970.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: TSD
Attention: Mr. Whitman

SUBJECT : James Earl Ray

1. Attached are six copies each of two photographs of Subject. These photographs are for the use of your analysts for processing passport photographs.

2. We appreciate your suggestion for assisting in this matter.

Richard Ober
CIOP/DO

Attachments: As stated

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